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STATE NEWS.

The indications are, unless a killing frost occurs within the next few days, that the fruit crop in North Carolina will be the heaviest ever known, and that the capacity of the express companies for transportation will be taxed to its utmost.

Wilmington Review: The receipts of crude turpentine at this port today, is posted at the Exchange at 13.40 cents, and this does not include five barrels arrived this afternoon, these are the largest receipts of this article that have been known in any one day since the war.

Charlotte Observer: Sunday night the barn of Mr. James C. Rankin, in Lincoln county, was completely destroyed by fire. The mules and one horse were also burned to death. The origin of the fire cannot be accounted for on any other ground than that it was incendiary.

Danville News: The vote in Reidsville Friday on the proposed subscription of \$15,000 to the Reidsville and Leaksville Narrow Gauge railroad was unanimous in its favor. The vote in Danville on the proposed subscription of \$50,000 to the Danville and New River Narrow Gauge railroad will be taken next month.

Oxford Telegraph: While Robinson's show was being ferried over the Roanoke River on the 7th inst., the largest elephant became furiously mad, and tore up a garden fence, scattering rails in every direction. A little negro boy attempted to drive him into the ferry boat, whereupon the elephant, coming in his trunk and squeezed him nearly to death. He breathed a few seconds and then expired.

Hillsboro Recorder: On Saturday afternoon Lizzie the eldest daughter of Mrs. Dunn was taken to the hospital, she attempted to commit the old repeated folly of lighting a fire from a kerosene can when the can exploded, instantly covering her with flames. On Monday morning, the 8th inst., Hugh Montgomery, an old citizen of this vicinity, was found dead on a bye path. He appeared to have been in the act of climbing a fence, and fell over upon his face, fracturing his neck.

Charlotte Observer: Saturday night a gathering of country people at the house of Mrs. Heffner, about six miles from Cherryville, in Lincoln county, a difficulty occurred between several men, in which James Anthony, a young man who lives in the neighborhood, was shot down and killed instantly. It seems, however, from all that can be learned, that Mr. A. B. Black, of the firm of Black Brothers, of Cherryville, had ridden to the house of Mrs. Heffner on horseback, and when he came on to a difference of opinion as to who fired the shot, and consequently both Black and Penitentiary were arrested and confined in jail at Lincolnton.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

A convict in the Maryland Penitentiary, named John Long, committed suicide Sunday night by hanging. He tore his blanket into strips and suspended himself from a fastening on the wall.

Joseph Hull & Co., of Richmond, Va., are now engaged in furnishing the United States government 1,200,000 pounds of casting for the interior of the new State Department building at Washington.

The University of Virginia Alumni Society held a meeting Saturday night at the office of Mayor Kemper, for the purpose of setting on foot an organized effort to aid in raising the \$20,000 necessary to be obtained in order to secure the McCormick telescope for the University.

A lion and bull fight at San Antonio, Texas, on Sunday was witnessed by hundreds of people. The bull was victorious. Mexicans owned the bull and Texas the lion. The latter had but one eye. The bull severely injured one of his keepers by piercing the calf of his leg with his horn. Next Sunday another fight is to take place.

New York Tribune: Wade Hampton is likely to be re-nominated unanimously for Governor of South Carolina, and to be re-elected almost without opposition. The Republicans are disposed to concentrate themselves on members of the Legislature and Congressmen, and are hopeful of gaining one or two of the latter. This seems to be a wise decision. The State could hardly have a better Governor than Hampton.

A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun says: The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has just prepared a lengthy

memorial in relation to the tax on sugar, which will be submitted to the committee of ways and means of Congress. This paper takes ground that for revenue purposes 2 per cent, on sugar will yield from thirty-seven to forty million dollars. It was resolved that the chamber fully endorse this paper, and trusts that a uniform tariff on sugar molasses will be adopted by Congress.

The acreage in vegetables in Florida and South Georgia, for shipment to Northern markets, is greatly in excess of any previous season. Green peas are going forward in our load lots. The following are estimated as follows: Peas 1,000, beans 750, cucumbers 1,100, tomatoes 500, potatoes, Irish, 125, water-melons 1,200, total 4,725. With a good season and intelligent cultivation it will average one carload to two acres, making this season 2,350 carloads to be handled between March 1 and July 10.

Sunday morning last, Mr. W. B. Barnett, president of the Bank of Jacksonville, received in his mail a letter signed E. W. Williams, for \$1,000. The letter would inform Mr. Barnett that the robber was that stole recently \$7,500 from the Bank. Mr. Barnett answered the note, addressing it to E. W. Williams, and in the letter, stating that he would not give that amount unless the money was returned. This led to an interview and finally the arrest of Eugene Williams, who wrote the letter, and who said that he knew nothing about the theft, but intended to get the money and send it to his wife, who is at New Boston, Ind. The wife's story is not believed, and he has been lodged in jail to await further developments.

It is seriously proposed to introduce a Government monopoly of the sale of tobacco and cigars into Germany, it is being estimated that the national treasury would derive from such a source an annual revenue of \$106,000,000. It is worth telling how France came to institute her present system. One evening in November, 1810, a Court ball was taking place in the Tuileries, and among the company present was a lady conspicuous not only by reason of her beauty, but also on account of the brilliancy and size of the diamonds she wore. The Emperor Napoleon, struck by her appearance, inquired who she was. In reply he was told that she was the wife of a merchant who had made an immense fortune by the sale of tobacco. "The business is a profitable one," remarked the Emperor, and the result was that on the 29th of December, 1810, and the 11th of January, 1811, decrees were issued securing to the State the exclusive right of manufacturing and selling tobacco.

The Homestead Decision.

The constitution of North Carolina contains the following:

ARTICLE X.—HOMESTEADS AND EXEMPTIONS.

Section 1. The personal property of any resident of this State, to the value of five hundred dollars, to be selected by such resident, shall be and is hereby exempted from sale under execution, or other legal process of any court, in aid of the collection of any debt.

Section 2. Every homestead, and the dwelling and buildings thereon, to the value of \$15,000, to be selected by the owner thereof, or in lieu thereof, at the option of the owner, any lot in a town, or village, with the dwelling and buildings used thereon, owned and occupied by any resident of this State, and not exceeding the value of one thousand dollars, shall be exempt from sale under execution, or other legal process, obtained on any debt. But no property shall be exempt from sale for taxes or for payment of obligations contracted for the purchase of said premises.

Section 3. The homestead, after the death of the owner thereof, shall be exempt from the payment of a laborer's lien for work done and performed for the person claiming such exemption, or a mechanic's lien for work done on the premises.

Section 4. If the owner of a homestead die, leaving a widow, but no children, the same shall be exempt from the debts of her husband, and may be devised or bequeathed, and with the written assent of her husband, conveyed by her as if she were unmarried.

Section 5. The real and personal property of any female in this State, acquired before marriage, and all property, real and personal, to which she may, after marriage, become an owner, in any manner, shall be and is hereby exempt from sale under execution, or other legal process, obtained on any debt, separate estate and property of such female, and shall not be liable for her debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be devised or bequeathed, and with the written assent of her husband, conveyed by her as if she were unmarried.

Section 6. Nothing contained in the foregoing sections of this Article shall operate to prevent the owner of a homestead from disposing of the same by deed; but no deed made by the owner of a homestead shall be valid without the voluntary signature and assent of his wife, signified on her private examination before a justice of the peace.

These provisions for the protection of men's homes against their creditors, were embodied in our organic law by the Constitutional Convention of 1868, and were subsequently ratified at the polls. The framers of this new feature upon our Constitution was among the few really good things resulting from Republican ascendancy. We would be inclined to give our adversaries great credit for this improvement in our fundamental law, were we not quite satisfied that the motive of the party was mainly to do a popular thing, to catch the sympathy of the free-holding as well as the allegiance of the non-free-holding class, and generally to advance their own political interests.

With the view, perhaps, of making all the political capital possible out of the Homestead law, the Supreme Court of North Carolina, composed entirely of Republicans at that time, in the case of *Hill vs. Kessler*, decided that the enlargement of the Homestead by the Constitution of 1868, was retroactive in its operations, and was good against debts existing at the time of the adoption of the Constitution. The legal fraternity were surprised at this decision. The opinion prevailed among the most learned of them that the Court had erred. It was broadly hinted that Ac-

sociate Justice READE, who carried the majority of the Court with him in spite of the profound reasoning and powerful will of Chief Justice Pearson, was looking to the political, rather than the legal aspects of the case. However, no outcry was made against the decision, as both Democrat and Republican were for the most part well pleased that the homestead law was good against old debts.

The doctrine laid down in *Hill vs. Kessler* was reaffirmed in several cases; and no appeal was taken. But finally, our Court having affirmed it for the eighth or ninth time, in *Edwards vs. Kessler* the point was taken up by a writ of error, for review by the Supreme Court of the United States; with the result announced in the News on yesterday, the latter Court reversing our Court and overruling the doctrine laid down in *Hill vs. Kessler*, and so often reaffirmed. The decision hardly takes any good lawyer by surprise. It has long been expected. Now that it has come we cannot but regret it, though we recognize that it is correct law.

The effects of the decision will be widespread and far-reaching, and we fear disastrous to thousands. There is no protection left for those who contracted debts prior to April 21st 1868, the date of the ratification of the new constitution, and have since failed, neglected or refused to pay or compromise them. Many of these old debts are barred by the statute of limitations, but there are also thousands, no doubt, which were long ago fixed by judgments and have been kept alive, in view of the possibility of a reversal of our Supreme Court by the United States Supreme Court. Such judgments will now be carried to execution, and the home of many a hapless man will be swept from him. It is the final decree of the highest judicial tribunal of our land, and the last hope of debtors escaping their old creditors of the days anterior to April 1868, is gone; and such debtors must satisfy their creditors, or be sold out of house and home.

While this decision will work hardship on many a poor, distressed, hard-working man who was wrecked by the fortunes of the war, and has only his homestead remaining for the shelter and the support of his family, it will force some unpunished debtors to disgorge what have barely evaded the just claims of their creditors by slinking behind the homestead law. It is not every one who merits the protection which this law has afforded. The effects there, of this decision, will not be mixed evil; but good and evil mixed, with the latter predominating, in our opinion.

We present elsewhere an exceedingly interesting letter from a talented correspondent in Yadkinville, giving the political situation in the (new) 7th Judicial District. Our correspondent we know to be a keen observer, and we believe his statements flow from an impartial pen, and accurately describe the situation *as it is*. His claim that the recommendation of each Judicial District (in which Judge is to be elected) for Superior Court Judge should be adopted by the State Convention we think is but just and fair, and there is little doubt that such recommendation will be adopted except in the event of some very grave objection to a candidate—such as is not likely to arise. It will be observed that the *final* of the Driver case has been reached by Judge Buxton sentencing Driver, according to the intimation in the opinion of the Supreme Court, to thirty days imprisonment.

We have again and again suggested through these columns that the law is made for the rich as well as the poor, for the high as well as the low, for the pretentious as well as the unpretentious, for the "aristocratic" as well as "peevish," for the unlearned and the common—in fact, for all classes of society. The law should be rigidly enforced against all offenders. Those of officials, be they State, county or city, who swerve in the performance of this duty, through fear, favor or affection, are unworthy the places they fill; and by discriminating, in the administration of the duties of their respective offices, between the different classes of society and the different conditions of men, they would pursue a course not only very wrong in itself, but calculated to bring the government into utter contempt, besides outraging justice.

The Homestead is now finally removed from the arena of politics. It is so firmly imbedded in the organic law of the State, and in the good will of the people of all classes, and of all races, and of all parties, that it can never be shaken. Any uneasiness, therefore, which may arise as to the future stability and permanence of the homestead is not well grounded, and should be dismissed.

We are unable to publish a synopsis of the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Homestead case. Our Washington correspondent telegraphed us yesterday that, under the rules of the Court, it was impossible to get at the opinion until it is printed, when it will be promptly despatched to us.

The adjournment of the British Parliament to the second week in May, is tantamount to an acknowledgement that there is no immediate danger of a collision with Russia, and to a declaration that England is not pursuing a war policy.

Our delegation in Congress have asked for \$125,000 for river and harbor improvements. Mr. Waddell asks for \$25,000; Mr. Yates, \$26,000; Mr. Bregden, \$24,000; and Yates and Bregden \$4,000.

A resolution has passed the Senate fixing June 10th as the day for the adjournment of Congress. The House has not yet passed upon the resolution.

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Notice.

MAJOR'S OFFICE, RALEIGH, N. C., March 25, '78.

THE TAX BOOKS WILL BE OPENED AT THE OFFICE ON

MARCH 25, APRIL 1st.

For the purpose of Taxes for the next year, the following are invited to the above is as follows:

1. All persons who are liable to be taxed, shall, on the first day of April or within five days thereafter, render to the Mayor, or on a list of their property and subjects for which they are liable to be taxed, and any person shall fail to render such list, he shall pay double the tax assessed.

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Boxes, 1/2 boxes and 1/4 boxes, Fresh Layer Flgs, 1 lbs boxes,

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DAILY NEWS

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1878.

The City.

The Mail.
The mails close as follows: 10:00 a. m. Western, 10:30 a. m. Eastern, 11:00 a. m. Southern, 11:30 a. m. Northern, 12:00 p. m. The mails open for delivery of the mail as follows: 4:00 a. m. Western, 4:30 a. m. Eastern, 5:00 a. m. Southern, 5:30 a. m. Northern, 6:00 a. m. Two Northern mails daily, closing at 10 a. m. and 11 a. m. Sundays open from 4 to 7 p. m. W. W. HOLDEN, P. M.

Weather Probabilities.
WASHINGTON, April 17.—For the south Atlantic states, easterly winds, falling barometer, warmer and cloudy weather and occasional rain will prevail.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—To-morrow is Good Friday.
—A Duncombe county man has found a diamond of great purity, for which he has been offered \$10,000.

—Residents on Edenton Street complain of an unsightly pile of brick lying near the Baptist Church, and ask that it be removed.

—A contemporary gravely remarks that the counterfeit silver dollar may be detected by the superior workmanship of the engraving.

—The Oxford "Orphan's Friend" says: "A prominent Republican suggests as the Republican ticket, Judge Smith, Judge Reade, and Gen. Barringer."

—Take care of yourself. Every one now feels his bloods before going to work. An instructor in boxing, cudgel-playing and other manly sports, could probably get up a class with ease now.

—Mr. Jas. A. Higgs, wholesale salesman for A. Cresch, on yesterday showed us through his line of staple goods. He proposes to sell the country merchants this season, goods at prices that have never been equaled before.

—Mr. Frank Stronach narrowly escaped serious injury at the Central Depot. He was seated on the high seat of a large day when the horses suddenly whirled round and he was thrown violently upon the ground. Fortunately only a few bruises were the result.

—A drummer's license has been issued to Slater, Myers & Co., Richmond, Va. That city seems to be going ahead in enterprises of this sort. The business of its firms with our state must be largely on the increase, judging by the great number of licenses taken out.

—The President of the Western N. C. Railroad speaks hopefully of the completion of that road at an early day. He has no doubt that by June the cars will be running to the top of the mountain, and the line pushed rapidly towards Asheville before the tunnel is completed.

Mayor's Court.
Messrs. A. W. Haywood and W. H. Bledsoe, for an affray, were dismissed on payment of costs.

Cotton Report.
The receipts of cotton in the city yesterday, as reported by the weighers to Mr. Alf. A. Thompson, were 70 bales. The market was dull.

Dime Party.
The ladies connected with the Order of Good Templars, in this city, will give a dime party, for the benefit of that Order, at Metropolitan Hall, next Wednesday evening.

Personals.
Prof. J. C. Horner, of Oxford, has accepted the position tendered him as one of the instructors at the Cape Fear Military Academy, Wilmington, N. C. Col. J. T. Morehead, of Greensboro, is registered at the Yarbrough.

The August Elections.
Constables are not to be elected at the August election. The Democratic Executive Committee was in error in so stating. The Committee neglected to mention Superior Court Clerks as among the officers to be then elected.

Off for Atlanta.
The following gentlemen from our city left on Tuesday last for Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the National Convention: Rev. T. H. Prichard, D. D.; Messrs. A. M. McPheters, Samuel C. White, John E. Ray and John Cheatham.

Penitentiary Recruits.
Deputy Sheriff A. B. Hill, of Halifax county, brought up John W. Crawley, Collied Williams, Daniel Meade, and Louis Davis, all colored, convicted of larceny, and all sentenced to the penitentiary for 5 years each, save the last, who gets 3 years.

Church Notice.
At St. John's Catholic Church, Briggs Hall, the services on Maunday Thursday, as follows: High Mass and Sermon at 9:30 a. m.
On Good Friday there will be service at 7 o'clock A. M.
On Holy Saturday there will be service at 7 o'clock A. M.

Funeral Services.
The funeral of the late Mrs. P. F. Pescud will take place to-day, at 5 o'clock, p. m. The services will be conducted from Christ Church. Friends of the family are invited to attend.
The following will act as pall-bearers: Hon. W. N. H. Smith, Gen. R. F. Hoke, Dr. A. W. Knox, Messrs. A. M. Lewis, Armstrong Jones, J. B. Burwell, Chas. E. Johnston and R. S. Tucker.

The Next Fair.
The prospects for our next State Fair are increasingly bright. The Secretary of the Society, Capt. Denison, informs us that donations are being rapidly made by merchants, manufacturers and others. Last week, among others, he received a donation of the value of \$100 from a Northern firm. Every effort is being made to make the show a success, and the regular campaign is soon to be opened.

Pardoned.
Mark Carter, a penitentiary convict, was on yesterday the recipient of the Executive clemency. He was convicted of larceny at Fall Term, 1874, of Person Superior Court, and sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment. The theft was only of 25 cents worth of tobacco. The application for pardon was signed by the Solicitor, Sheriff, several of the jurors, and many citizens. Four years of the term of imprisonment had already been served out.

A Fight in a Chapel.

Quite a number of the members of the choir of Christ Church, on Tuesday evening, assembled for the practice for the Easter music at the Chapel, under the leadership of Maj. W. B. Gulick. While engaged in conducting the exercises, that gentleman heard some one at the door, and went to see who it was. He opened the door and was confronted by Messrs. E. G. Haywood, Jr., and L. H. Haywood. These young men at once attacked him with sticks, and he was quickly felled to the floor, receiving a severe blow on the head and some bruises on his body. Quite a number of young ladies were present and two of their escorts, Mr. Quinn, of Charlotte, and Sam'l A. Miner, of this city, ran to the aid of Mr. Gulick. In the melee which ensued Mr. Quinn received a severe blow on the temple, from a stick. A panic followed among the fair sex present, many of whom jumped through the windows and fled in great haste. At this stage of the affair the Rector entered and his presence quelled the disturbance. We decline to say more of the affair but will detail particulars when the case is developed at the trial before the Mayor this morning. It seems that the occurrence originated from remarks made to a lady member of the choir by Mr. Gulick, which were considered by her as an affront offered.

The State Board of Agriculture.

This Board assembled in this city on the 16th inst. There was held, in the afternoon, a meeting of the Board. All the members present. The reports of the Commissioner and Chemist showed a favorable and increasing interest in the work of the Department in its various branches. The Standing Committees on the following subjects: Sheep Husbandry, Immigration, New Industries, Diseases of Domestic Animals and Diseases of Insects, and the No Fence or Stock Law, were urged to present their reports ready by the time the Board next meets, or at least in time to be discussed by the Board. The Chemist at the Control Station having increased so rapidly, it was deemed necessary to give him additional assistance for Dr. Ledoux.

The report of the Chemist and Commissioner of the labor in their department for the past twelve months, will be shortly published. In this much valuable information will be given. Much other business was transacted, not of noteworthy importance.

County Items.

On May 11th, the Justices of the Peace of this county, will meet at the Court House for the purpose of organizing and consultation. A number of important questions are to be discussed and considered. Among these will be the following: Whether a new registration shall be ordered for the August elections; in regard to the appointment of registrars and poll-holders; and as to whether the office of County Treasurer shall be dispensed with.

The Justices are allowed the privilege of discontinuing this office in cases where they ascertain that the business of the office does not justify its continuance.

The County Commissioners have recommended Mr. John D. Hilton, of this city, who for four years has been acting as the High School, as a Benefactor at the State University from this county, as provided in chap. II, Laws 1866-7.

The Passover.

At sunset last evening began the Feast of the Passover, which is universally observed by the Hebrews. It is a feast instituted to commemorate the providential escape of the Hebrews from Egypt, when God, smiting the first-born of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites, which were marked with the blood of the paschal lamb. The feast lasts for a period of seven days, during which time the faithful eat no bread save that which is unleavened, and is called *Matzes*.

These religious services at the place of worship last evening. These will also be held this morning. The recurrence of this feast is always observed as an occasion of particular rejoicing among the Hebrew people, who are ever so faithful in their attention to the requirements and obligations of their religion.

Spring Galettes.

On Easter Monday, the 22d inst., a basket picnic and dance will be given at the residence of Col. Paul F. Bledsoe, near this city. The managers of the affair, which in such hands cannot fail to be in the highest degree enjoyable, are: Drs. W. W. Jones and S. W. Thompson, Messrs. T. P. Devereux, W. Haywood, J. C. Harris, G. E. Leach, S. R. Jeffreys, Sam Wilder, Lee S. Overman, Frank Stronach, John Leveraux, Mr. Phil. Andrews, and W. H. Rogers.

The following ladies compose the Table Committee: Mrs. P. R. Hines, D. L. Faye, H. H. Powell, R. G. Dunn, J. B. Bennett, P. J. Dunn, and Julius Lewis. Of the many kind qualities of these ladies, which will add so much to the attractiveness of the affair, we need not speak.

The Graded School.

President Kemp P. Battle, of the State University, accompanied by Prof. A. R. Ledoux, of the Chemical Control Station, visited the Graded School yesterday. They were shown the workings of the institution, and expressed their pleasure at the capability of the instructors and pupils. A class of students were growing up, who will soon be doing honor to our university. Normal College by their thorough preparation. Dr. Ledoux expressed gratification at the excellent ventilation of the recitation room, which is but too often a thing neglected.

Maunday Thursday.

To-day is known as Maunday Thursday. On this day in the olden times the ancient sovereigns of England were accustomed to wash the feet of twelve paupers, in imitation of the service washing the feet of his disciples. The giving of the "maund," which is the gift of now remaining, King James I was the last to observe the custom. At court the Maunday is observed by the distribution of silver and provisions by the King's Almoner to poor people.

Strawberry Festival.

This entertainment at Metropolitan Hall this evening will be very generally attended. It will be the first of the season, where that delicious fruit, the Strawberry, (of which quite old Father said "Doublet God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did.") will be served. The ladies of the Education Street Methodist Church, who have entire charge of the entertainment, will spare no effort to make it attractive, and are sure to succeed. The admission fee is only ten cents. Don't fail to attend.

Aspirituous Liquors will injure men, opium or morphia will harmfully effect the baby. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is the remedy for the baby. It is free from opium. Price 25 cents.

Wake Superior Court.

Court met at 10 o'clock a. m. His Honor Judge Seymour presiding. T. o. following cases were tried and disposed of: *Gulley et al. vs. Macy*, administrator, *et al.*. Order to take deposition of Geo. W. Thompson *de bene esse*. *Hicks vs. Robertson & Co.*, and Carpenter vs. same firm. Referred to Jos. H. Batcher, Esq.

Jones vs. Bumpass. Judgment for defendant. *James M. Woodall vs. Fannie A. Woodall*. Judgment and decree granting divorce. *Jones vs. Jones*. Judgment for defendant.

Whitaker vs. Perry. Motion for *recess*. *Monopollowed*. Appeal by plaintiff to Supreme Court.

Carr vs. City of Raleigh. Motion to docket case on *record*. Motion allowed for plaintiff. Appeal to Supreme Court.

Ruffin et al. vs. Gatlin. Judgment compromised. Plaintiff to pay costs. *Watson and Devereux*, executors, vs. *Johnson et al.*. Order to execute funds of ward to another State.

State ex rel. Commissioners of Wake ex rel. Maguin et al. Judgment for defendants. *Emma Rogers*, by her guardian, vs. *Rogers, Executor*. Judgment compromised. Defendant to pay costs.

Douglas Bell, by guardian, vs. *John G. Williams*. Order allowing maintenance for ward, and attorney. Court adjourned until to-day at 10 o'clock.

I. O. O. F.

Attention members of Seaton Gales No. 64, I. O. O. F. You are hereby earnestly requested to be present at our regular session to-night. Business of great importance will be acted upon.

FRANKLIN, P. H. THOM, P. G., Rec. Secretary.

Those "C" Letters.

We stated some time since that Jno. B. Greener, of Greensboro, was suspected of being the author of the "C" letters in the *New North State*. The Charlotte Observer says that this has all along been the opinion in the best informed circles of that city.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

YARBROUGH HOUSE.

Reported by J. A. MEADOWS, J. W. B. PARKER, J. T. MOREHEAD, W. B. FARR, GREENSBORO, J. L. LOCKHART, J. B. WHITAKER, JR., DURHAM, N. C. S. P. F. PUTT, BORO; Mrs. HADLEY, Miss BASS, LA GRANGE.

The sale of *Sarsaparilla* for blood and liver medicines is almost entirely superseded by the introduction of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which far surpasses in efficacy these old-time medicines.

Southampton Flams.

Just received at J. Womble & Sons a lot of Southampton Flams, now on hand. RALEIGH, N. C., April 16th, 1878.

As I have determined to discontinue the Insurance business, I hereby give notice to my friends and the public that I have disposed of my Insurance Agency to Messrs. Cameron, Hay & Co., Gen'l Ins. Agts., who will in future represent the companies heretofore comprising my agency, and in whose favor I have required the friends of the patronage so long bestowed upon myself. E. G. BROWN.

This is to certify that the four pairs of scales used by Joseph Blake, J. S. Wynne and T. N. Richardson, cotton weighers, have been tested by me this day, and corrected.

The scales were found to be exactly right, one pair was found to weigh three pounds too much, and the other pair three pounds too much, that is two and three pounds in favor of the seller. I tested them up to six hundred pounds, and returned them correct. J. C. BREWSTER, Keeper of Weights and Measures, Wake County, N. C.

Money Saved is Money Made.

North Carolina hams, sides and shoulders all going at 10 cents. North Carolina family flour at \$3.25 per sack. Bulk meat, 20 cents per pound. Fat-powder, 50 cents per pound. Sugar, 10 cents per pound. Lard, stock peas, &c., all at prices to suit. Consignments from the country solicited. D. T. JOHNSON, 2 doors North Market (well) street.

Housekeepers.

Jones' Universal Baking Powder. The purity of this goods is guaranteed under date of March 11th, by Prof. R. T. Brown, President United States Centennial Committee, and Prof. C. S. Phillips, of Philadelphia. The gentlemen, who are the proprietors, are buying the adulterated powders now flooding the market. \$30.3m.

J. P. Gilling's Offer.

New style silk velvets at 65c., worth \$1.25; ladies 2 button kid gloves at 50c.; great novelties in corsets at prices from 35c. to \$2.00; Dr. Warner's health corsets at 50c. to \$2.00. Special attention is called to the grass corset at \$1.50, for comfort, Straw matting at 20 and 25c.; also a nice line of dress goods, piques, &c., at bottom prices. Also call especial attention to the fact that I have the best ladies' Morocco shoes for \$2.00 in the market, equal to Miles' or Ziegler's. Call and see his goods and examine prices.

The Grand Central Hotel, New York, has long been a favorite with Southern people. Now that the St. Nicholas is soon to close, it is presumed that the Grand Central will absorb a still larger proportion of the Southern trade.

Buy your New Spring Hats and Bonnets at W. Woolcott's New Millinery and Fancy Goods Store, Corner of Hargett and Wilmington Streets. He sells good Kid Gloves to suit a pair.

Fertilizer Sales.

The merit of the brand of Fertilizer sold by Mr. A. C. Sanders is made evident by hundreds of the farmers of Wake and Raleigh counties, who are now averaging 40 tons a day.

Mothers, Mothers, Mothers.

Don't fail to procure Mrs. J. B. Bull's Baby Syrup for all diseases of teething in children. It relieves the child from pain, cures the fever, regulates the bowels, and gives relief and health to the child, gives marvellous results.

From Thomas R. Easton, M. D., New Orleans.

I have given *codina's Lobelia Liquid* extract of root and seed *Invigorator* a fair trial, and find it more efficient and much more acceptable to the stomach than any other preparation on hand or used. Williams & Haywood, A. S. S.

Happy tidings for nervous sufferers, and those who are benumbed, drugged, and quacked. *Pater's Electric* is electrically cured premature debility, weakness, and decay. Look at Journal with information worth thousands, mailed free. Address: PATER'S MEDICINE CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Flour quiet but shade firmer: Howard street and Western superfine 4.00

extra superfine 4.75; 55c. 55c. 5.50; 60c. 6.00; city mill super 4.25; 60c. 6.50; extra 5.25; 55c. 5.75; Rio brands 6.75; Patapoco family 7.75. South-

BUSINESS NOTICES.

The largest and most complete stock of fishing tackle in the State is at Lumden's. Merchants supplied at low figures. Lumden also keeps a full stock of brown stone ware, crockery, lamps, tin ware, fluting machines, fountain pens, table and pocket cutlery, nails, hoes, rakes, shovels, cobble stones, iron stoves, tin ware, crockery, and everything you wish to furnish your house with, is at Lumden's.

"Price to suit the times," together with every comfort the most fashionable could ask or desire, and the most delicate attention to every want has made the Columbian the hotel of Philadelphia. 17-dw

COMMERCIAL REPORTS.

RALEIGH MARKETS.

Reported by KELLY, PUEPPE & BREWER, Editors of the Board of Trade. RALEIGH, N. C., April 17, 1878.

WHEAT—Common, 1.30; No. 1, 1.35; No. 2, 1.30; No. 3, 1.25; No. 4, 1.20; No. 5, 1.15; No. 6, 1.10; No. 7, 1.05; No. 8, 1.00; No. 9, 1.00; No. 10, 1.00; No. 11, 1.00; No. 12, 1.00; No. 13, 1.00; No. 14, 1.00; No. 15, 1.00; No. 16, 1.00; No. 17, 1.00; No. 18, 1.00; No. 19, 1.00; No. 20, 1.00; No. 21, 1.00; No. 22, 1.00; No. 23, 1.00; No. 24, 1.00; No. 25, 1.00; No. 26, 1.00; No. 27, 1.00; No. 28, 1.00; No. 29, 1.00; No. 30, 1.00; No. 31, 1.00; No. 32, 1.00; No. 33, 1.00; No. 34, 1.00; No. 35, 1.00; No. 36, 1.00; No. 37, 1.00; No. 38, 1.00; No. 39, 1.00; No. 40, 1.00; No. 41, 1.00; No. 42, 1.00; No. 43, 1.00; No. 44, 1.00; No. 45, 1.00; No. 46, 1.00; No. 47, 1.00; No. 48, 1.00; No. 49, 1.00; No. 50, 1.00; No. 51, 1.00; No. 52, 1.00; No. 53, 1.00; No. 54, 1.00; No. 55, 1.00; No. 56, 1.00; No. 57, 1.00; No. 58, 1.00; No. 59, 1.00; No. 60, 1.00; No. 61, 1.00; No. 62, 1.00; No. 63, 1.00; No. 64, 1.00; No. 65, 1.00; No. 66, 1.00; No. 67, 1.00; No. 68, 1.00; No. 69, 1.00; No. 70, 1.00; No. 71, 1.00; 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